

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
March 5, 2015
Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Members Present

Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Steve Hwangbo, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard	District 45
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio	CVAG
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City	WCCOG
Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio	Building Industry Association
Hon. John Sibert, Malibu	District 44
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities
Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	TCA
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Geneva Mojado, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Tribal COG
Hon. Stephen Sammarco, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Eric Schmidt, Hesperia	SANBAG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There was a quorum. The Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Melanie Schlotterbeck, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks, stated that her agency has done extensive work in Orange County on Regional Conservation as it relates to land use planning and transportation infrastructure.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff requested that Information Item #10 become Item #12, Item #12 become Item #11, and Item #11 become Item #10 in that order.

ACTION ITEM

1. Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

Lijin Sun, SCAG Staff, stated that SCAG is the lead agency with responsibility for developing the PEIR for the RTP/SCS in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The PEIR will provide a region-wide assessment of any potential significant adverse environmental effects of implementing the RTP/SCS at a programmatic level.

SCAG has prepared a NOP of a PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS in accordance with CEQA. The purpose of the NOP is to notify interested parties that SCAG plans to prepare a PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS. Staff recommends that the EEC authorize release of the NOP for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning March 9, 2015, to obtain input into the scope and content of the 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to authorize the release of the NOP of a PEIR for the 2016 RTP/SCS for a 30-day public review and comment period, beginning March 9, 2015 and ending April 7, 2015, with revisions to address comments from the Committee regarding the project description. The MOTION was SECONDED (Parks) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Bertone, Clark, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Friedman, Genis, Graham, Hwangbo, Mahmud, Martin, Parks, Pollock, Ramirez, Ramos Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Sibert, Terrazas, Williams, Wilson, Wright

NOES: Munzing

ABSTAIN: None

2. Minutes of the October 2, 2014 Meeting

Hon. Diane Mahmud, South Pasadena, stated that the minutes should be corrected so as not to reflect that Hon. Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order since she was listed as absent. (Hon. Cheryl Viegas Walker presided over the October 2, 2014 meeting, in Hon. Deborah Robertson's absence as reflected on Page 2 of the minutes.)

A MOTION was made (Forester) to move the Minutes with the correction noted. The MOTION was SECONDED (Bertone) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Bertone, Clark, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Friedman, Genis, Mahmud, Martin, Munzing, Parks, Pollock, Ramirez, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Sibert, Terrazas, Williams, Wilson

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Hwangbo, Ramos, Wright

CONSENT CALENDAR

Receive and File

3. 2015 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
4. Regional Guidelines for 2015 Active Transportation (Funding) Program (ATP)
5. U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets
6. 2015 Local Profiles Status Update
7. Potential Policy Committee Meetings and Agenda Items Related to the Development of the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the Next 8 Months
8. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program
9. Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Update – Concept Applications Process & Recommendation
10. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

A MOTION was made (Forester) to move the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Ramos Watson) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Bertone, Clark, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Friedman, Genis, Hwangbo, Mahmud, Martin, Munzing, Parks, Pollock, Ramirez, Ramos Watson, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Sibert, Terrazas, Williams, Wilson, Wright

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Introduction to SCAG's Upcoming Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis for the 2016 RTP/SCS

Kimberly Clark, SCAG Staff, stated that SCAG is responsible for pursuing and developing solutions to transportation, housing, air quality and other regional issues, and ensuring that EJ principles are an integral part of the regional planning process. Ms. Clark provided a summary of EJ requirements, discussed the EJ analysis from the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, and introduced potential approaches to the EJ analysis for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

11. Preliminary 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) Scenario Planning Matrix

Jason Greenspan, SCAG Staff, summarized four (4) policy scenarios being analyzed to help inform the development of the preliminary 2016 RTP/SCS. The scenarios vary in intensity from one (1) to four (4) with Scenario 4 as most intense in terms policy, programs and actions required to realize the vision.

Scenario 1 is a baseline scenario that considers growth based on regional household and employment trends, and includes transportation projects that are already in operation and projects

that are firmly committed and further along in the delivery process. Scenario 2 assumes growth based on local General Plan designations as refined by cities through SCAG's recent extensive outreach efforts and a transportation system improvements already included in the approved 2012 RTP/SCS, as well as new transportation project lists received from the six (6) county transportation commissions (CTCs). Scenario 3 (also known as Policy A) builds upon Scenario 2 as a technical and policy update to the 2012 RTP/SCS including consideration of the impacts of new technologies and demand response transportation, and more future growth in walkable, mixed-use communities and in HQTAs. The highway and roadway network would see a 25% increase in system preservation. Scenario 4 (or Policy B) builds upon Scenario 3 and represents the most ambitious scenario in regard to land use, transportation projects and funding programs, and new technology innovations.

12. 2016 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Public Health Integration

Rye Baerg, SCAG Staff, provided a summary of SCAG staff efforts to integrate public health considerations into the 2016 RTP/SCS. The framework includes strategies for engagement, education, and policy development and analysis.

CHAIR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT – Jonathan Nadler announced he is leaving SCAG and thanked the Committee for their direction to staff and support of SCAG's work efforts.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Hon. Larry Forester: Follow up on US Mayor's conference on storm water affordability (previously heard by EEC and RC)
- Hon. Deborah Robertson: Invite US EPA to discuss issues surrounding Superfund sites
- Hon. Deborah Robertson: CEQA Reform. Hon. Larry Forester asked to include NEPA reform with the item.
- Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells: Impacts of urban oil drilling
- Hon. Linda Parks: Impacts of ultrafine particulate matter
- Hon. Sam Pedroza, ex-officio: Economics and impacts of waste hauling (Note: requested last month outside of EEC meeting)
- Hon. Deborah Robertson: Requested that staff routinely provide EEC with legislative update report

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deborah Robertson adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Reviewed by:



Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Compliance & Performance Monitoring

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2015

Member (including Ex-Officio)	Date Appointed if after 1/1/14	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended Black Shading = Dark												Total Mtgs Attended
			Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernar dino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					J	J	X		G								1
Chun, Ross		TCA							O	O			E								
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X					I	I	X		N								1
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG				X			N	N	X		E								1
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X					T	T			R								
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X							X		A								1
Friedman, Laura		AVCOG		X					M	M	X		L								1
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG			X				E	E	X										1
Graham, Ed	Feb. 2015	SANBAG		X					E	E	X		A								1
Hwangbo, Steve	Jan. 2015	La Palma			X				T	T	X		S								1
Mahmud, Diana		SGVCOG		X					I	I	X		S								1
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X					N	N	X		E								1
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X					G	G			M								
Mojado, Geneva		Tribal COG											B								
Munzing, Mike		District 12			X						X		L								1
Parks, Linda	Feb. 2015	Ventura						X			X		Y								1
Pollock, David		VCOG						X			X										1
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard						X			X										1
Ramos-Watson, Lupe		CVAG				X	X				X										1
Robertson, Deborah		District 8		X							X										1
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		WCCOG		X							X										1
Sanmarco, Stephen		SBCCOG					X														
Schmidt, Eric		SANBAG		X																	
Schuyler, Steve		BIASC			X						X										1
Sibert, John		District 44	X								X										1
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X								X										1
Williams, Diane		SANBAG		X							X										1
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill				X					X										1
Wright, Bonnie	Jan. 2015	WRCOG					X				X										1
		TOTALS	2	13	4	3	3	3													